

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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Lee K. Ferrier

Treasurer,

It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation The Honourable Justice Lee K. Ferrier, and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Called to the Bar in 1964, he soon established himself as a leader of the family law bar, and was recognized not only by his peers but by provincial and federal governments, which called on his expertise when making reforms in the area of family law & divorce.

His was not a narrow view of the law; his compassion and concern for others gave him a deep appreciation for the human and social dimension of family law and the need to reduce harmful conflict. This compassionate and humane nature also saw outlet in his voluntary work with numerous community organizations dedicated to assisting the less fortunate.

Throughout his career he gave unstintingly of his time to the legal profession through participation in its voluntary and social organizations, and most importantly through his service as a Bencher and Treasurer of the Law Society, where he played a significant role in the development of policies governing the provision of legal services to the public through his membership on the Client Funding Committee and as Chair of the Legal Aid Plan.

His record of service to the people of this province and to the legal profession are in the highest tradition of the bar, and I ask therefore, Treasurer, that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.